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1. On 20 April a meeting of SED Betriebsgruppenleiter of Kreis Berlin-Mitte was held at Kreis headquarters. The meeting, which was attended by approximately 300 functionaries, was addressed by an unnamed representative of the SED Landesverband Gross-Berlin who attempted to lecture on the "new policy".
2. The audience was in a very hostile mood, and when the speaker urged functionaries to encourage members to re-register for food in the Western Sectors*, he encountered strong and noisy opposition from his audience. Shouts of "we have been let down by the 'Borzen' (party bosses)" and "this is a betrayal of the working class" drowned the voice of the speaker and the meeting broke up soon afterwards.
3. Before it ended, however, the speaker appealed for calmness as this move was only the beginning of a number of "unpleasant surprises" which members might soon have to put up with. He added that the international situation demanded a "new approach to the Berlin problem".
4. [redacted] meetings of this nature were becoming more frequent and reflected the defeatist spirit of the Party at the present time.

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Comment: [redacted] the decision that SED members in the Western Sectors should re-register there for food is an admission of failure, and as such is bound to be most unpalatable to the rank and file of SED members.

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